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It is a rather touching spectacle, a broad-shouldered young fellow tied up for life in the straight-jacket of his rank. The consolation is that he had chosen before the elevation came to direct his talents and energies to the holding back of the cause of liberty. The Liberal-Unionists inside the Tory lines will be more forlorn than ever without their most able leader, and the fight in the Commons is likely more than ever to end in a sweeping victory for the Liberals in the country.

REST AVAILABLE TESTIMONY. The suggestion of the lawyers, that as a body they take hand in the nomination of future judges, is all right to the extent to which it may be found possible to operate it. There are none in the community so well prepared by experience and personal knowledge to judge of the qualifications of candidates for the bench. Also, the united testimony and recommendation of the bar would go farther with the public in the choice of judges than any opposing recommendation by a political convention.

From another point of view recommendations, or even nominations, by the lawyers would have a greatly-to-be-desired effect. It would influence the action of the political parties so powerfully in the best direction that candidates for the bench having this testimony from their co-professionals would not need to run the gauntlet of practical politics—the setting up of delegates, the solicitation of support and the incurring of supposed obligations to the ward-workers and other political influences.

But the difficulty in the case is the practical one of getting anything like unanimous recommendations from the lawyers themselves. It was Josh Billings, the laughing philosopher, who made the profound remark that there was "a good deal of human nature in humanity." The Blackstonian brethren are not wholly and exempt from those personal preferences and prejudices which operate among laymen; and the canvassing among them for and against candidates would be quite as earnest, perhaps as hot, as outside. At the same time, if they undertook the task of naming the most desirable material for the Bench, there is no doubt they could, and we think, would, bring to its discharge a higher sense of responsibility and a keener discernment than could be expected of an ordinary political convention.

THE FARMER MAY BE MERRY. The farmer in almost every section of this country ought to be in good humor to celebrate Christmas. The enormous crops of the year just closing have filled his barns, his purse and his stomach, as they have not been filled in years—so, too, his heart should be filled with joy and gratitude. Just look at what the harvest has brought him. The fall of Europe's crops has not been equalled in the United States, and is now adjudged to be nearly 600,000,000 bushels, and that represents in money, conservatively estimated, \$500,000,000, while the corn crop, amounting to over 2,000,000,000 bushels, represents in money over \$850,000,000. In these two crops alone the farmer has made nearly \$300,000,000 more than they did last year, and there are the other cereals, oats, rye, buckwheat, barley and large yields of fruit, vegetables, etc., yet uncounted. All together the farmer has much to be thankful for. The fall of Europe's crops has not been equalled in the United States, and is now adjudged to be nearly 600,000,000 bushels, and that represents in money, conservatively estimated, \$500,000,000, while the corn crop, amounting to over 2,000,000,000 bushels, represents in money over \$850,000,000. In these two crops alone the farmer has made nearly \$300,000,000 more than they did last year, and there are the other cereals, oats, rye, buckwheat, barley and large yields of fruit, vegetables, etc., yet uncounted. All together the farmer has much to be thankful for.

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THE people who run the Louisiana lottery take in \$28,000,000 every year. Of this \$13,000,000 is profit. No wonder the fight waxes warm down there.

REV. DR. PHILIP SCHAFF says in the Forum that "heresy trials seem to be an anachronism." Other people, somehow, have obtained the impression that they are little but farces, in this age which allows the largest religious liberty consistent with public order and peace.

THE retail liquor dealer says that he doesn't mind legal and honest competition, but he does object to being knocked out with a club. It requires no imagination to see the oblige the faces of the Chicago people who have been in a position to see the first map ever made of the world dated 1492, which will be loaned them by the Pope, that Chicago is not even mentioned.

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UNIVERSITY Extension, its scope and aim, has already been outlined in THE DISPATCH. The purpose of this paper is to call attention to its practical application. The best of the movement in each locality must be the work of those who have the leisure to make personal appeals to benevolent people for their interest and support. No city must be a better, but it must have a place in which to speak, well located and sufficiently commodious mostly desired is not the fashionable element which patronizes it only for amusement, and who have time and leisure for their self-improvement, if they desire it; the classes that the movement is really intended for are those of our people who are not so well educated, but who are in need of incentive to get out of the rut that they so easily fall into; for men and women who feel their shortcomings in the mental field and would like to improve themselves, if they only knew how to be taught. It is the duty of the teacher to get out of the rut that they so easily fall into; for men and women who feel their shortcomings in the mental field and would like to improve themselves, if they only knew how to be taught. It is the duty of the teacher to get out of the rut that they so easily fall into; for men and women who feel their shortcomings in the mental field and would like to improve themselves, if they only knew how to be taught.

Funds Must Be Forthcoming. —All this cannot be done without the aid of a benevolent group. There is a local committee to collect a guarantee fund, to get the use of an appropriate hall, to advertise the movement, not only in the press, but personally in the schools, the stores, the workshops. Not the least important duty of this committee is the choice of a lecturer or lecturers and the themes to be treated. In every community national history and institutions should be taught; and the people should be made to understand the rights and duties of the citizen, and the obligations of the people. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that this movement is primarily intended for the elevation of the people, and not for the purpose of having time and money to secure culture in the ordinary way. Accordingly it ought to be a simple, direct, and practical movement, and if it is taken in hand by Pittsburgh, as we sincerely hope it will be, it should be a movement for the people, and not for the purpose of having time and money to secure culture in the ordinary way.

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